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The Queen's Jubilee on Sunday was a wonderful opportunity to step into the past. Minden residents Micheon Reay, 8, Laura Taylor, 8, and Alabama Reay, 7, got into the spirit by dressing up in pioneer outfits. We have more coverage of the successful event on pages 12 and 13.

Wanted: marketing genius for county

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The county is asking organizations to make a bid to market the Highlands for the next three years.

It was one of four proposals put forward to county councillors on Wednesday after Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney questioned the wisdom of automatically giving the contract to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber will likely be one of the organizations expressing interest in the plan.

President Bob Hall says "I see this process as an opportunity for the county to understand the value that it has been receiving from the Chamber for the past several years. For example, the tourism marketing services have been provided by the Chamber as a community service by using volunteers in addition to staff, and with no mark-up on costs."

He notes that tourism brings $95-million into the county each year so it's important for the county to be clear in its expectations of the winning bidder.

"In defining its bid guidelines," Hall says, "the county will need to decide whether it plans to continue offering tourist fulfillment services in addition to pure marketing. These include the annual Destination Guide, the operation of a staffed information centre, a 1-800 telephone number, management of the county web site, and distribution of tourism brochures."

Hall says that the Chamber will have to review the request for proposals before deciding whether to make a bid.

Rigney endorsed this proposal because it will end any questions of whether the Chamber is doing a good job with the dollars it receives from the county to act as its marketing agent.

"There's always the element of distrust as to

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Don't throw out that can!

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

Soon it will be illegal to throw a pop can into the trash in Algonquin Highlands.

It will also be illegal to dump a week's worth of newspapers into the piles of garbage in the municipality's dumps.

In fact, residents of the township will soon be asked to separate plastic from paper, cans from glass bottles, recyclables from garbage.

All of this comes as a result of mandatory recycling, which will come into effect on June 1.

What are the results of not following the law?

First warnings and then fines, council says.

"The first year, the first six months for sure, will be a learning curve," Reeve Eleanor Harrison says, adding that the point is to encourage people to recycle, not to pay fines.

Indeed, the municipality wants to stress education over fines.

"We are not out to turn people into criminals," Councillor Tom Gardener said during

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County seeks marketing company

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whether the Chamber is achieving anything," Rigney said. "It may well be that the Chamber [wins the bid] but the rules would be clear. I think we'll find out we're doing well cost-wise."

"You'll get proposals that no one's ever thought of so I like it," said Highlands East Reeve Bill Howe. "It tells us whether we're doing the right thing and gives us control."

The control comes from establishing specific targets that can be measured. The proposal would include stipulations that the marketing agency do such things as produce a marketing brochure and attend specific shows. It was not mentioned at the meeting whether keeping an information centre open would be one of the stipulations.

Other proposals that were presented to council were keeping the status quo with the Chamber, only changing to a three-year contract to provide funding stability; establishing an umbrella group with various organizations and parcelling off specific jobs; and doing the work in-house while outsourcing specific tasks.

Warden Bill Davis questioned how the county could ask for proof of the marketing's effectiveness. "I don't know how we'd know what we'd want for objectives," he said. "We'd have to get someone other than who's sitting at this table to define what the objectives are. The cost might be higher than what we're paying for now."

"Whatever we do," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, "it's important that [the funding] is for three years." This would assist any organization in planning because it would be assured of funding over the long term. (For instance, the Chamber gets funding on an annual basis. It has received $150,000; this year it received $135,000.)

As to concerns that the Chamber isn't doing a good job servicing areas outside of Haliburton and Minden, Harrison noted that ever since her municipality has had representation on the Chamber board, "Algonquin Highlands is being much better served than it used to be. It's important for a municipality to have good participation."

Now comes the task of drafting the terms of the request for proposals and outlining the specific tasks that the county feels the marketing agency should accomplish.

County CAO Jim Wilson was confident that the process, including hiring the agency, could be completed by the new fiscal year in 2005.

Watch what you throw over the bank

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last week's council meeting.

The landfill attendants, he added, are not by-law enforcement officers and they don't have the training to deal with resistance.

Their job will be to educate and encourage.

Harrison doesn't expect non-compliance to be a big issue.

"People are wanting this," she says of the by-law.

The mandatory recycling by-law is the municipality's response to the mounting garbage crisis. Currently in the midst of deciding which landfill site to expand, council hopes recycling will significantly reduce the amount of garbage coming into the dumps.

Algonquin Highlands is not the first municipality in the county to institute the rule.

Highlands East made recycling a must when they amalgamated in 2001 and since then has nearly doubled the amount of material being recycled.

The township's environmental administrative assistant, Irene Cook, says that the key to a successful recycling program is education.

"It relies solely on public participation," she said. "With more education, you get a better response."

Although Cook says that fines are in place in Highlands East to punish non-compliance, she is not aware of any instances when it has had to be implemented.

"For the most part we have good cooperation," she said, adding that landfill attendants play a large part in making the program run smoothly.

"They can inspect bags and refuse any that contain recyclables," Cook added.

Greg Watson, the owner of Watson General Contracting, the company that provides the landfill attendants for Algonquin Highlands, is very positive about the change.

"I think it's a great idea," he said.

"It will be our job now to be able to take a closer look at what is going over the bank."

He added that his company has been educating and encouraging people to recycle for a long time and with mandatory recycling they will now have the leverage necessary to enforce it.

"We can say, 'Hey, the municipality takes this seriously,'" he said. "It will be a big push for people to be more conscious of what they throw over the bank."

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Use your 911 address

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports of 911-related items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

If your house is burning or your husband is having a heart attack, you can use your new 911 address when you phone for help even if you can't dial 911.

"Start using your 911 road number if you have it," Deputy-clerk Laura Janke advises everyone. "You just can't call 911 yet."

Starting last summer and continuing this summer, new property numbers and road signs are being installed as the county prepares to launch the emergency phone system this autumn. It is hoped that the changeover to 911 will take place in October.

Until then, however, people have to continue calling separate fire, ambulance and police numbers when they have an emergency.

All of the emergency service providers have been given maps with the new road names so when, for instance, an ambulance is called for, the dispatcher can be told the 911 address over the phone. "Your address won't show up on the dispatcher's computer screen [which under 911 will automatically link phone numbers with addresses] but they have all the maps and everyone knows how to get to your house," Janke said.

Water access

All water access properties on Kawagama and Bear Lakes will be given individual 911 numbers this summer, launching what council believes will be an expensive process.

As preparations for 911 got under way it was decided that if a property is accessible only by water, its interim address would be the site where the owners parked their car and launched their boat site. It was felt that to do otherwise would be to slow down the process.

However, the Dorset Fire Department said that given the size of Kawagama Lake and its geography this would lead to dangerous delays in response times. For instance, there are access points that are closer to a property than the boat launch.

The 911 committee held a meeting with fire department and Kawagama lake association representatives and came up with a proposal that was accepted by county council on Wednesday.

With the help of the association, which will take the GPS readings, individual property numbers will be assigned to the 266 water-access-only properties. The association will also help install the signs.

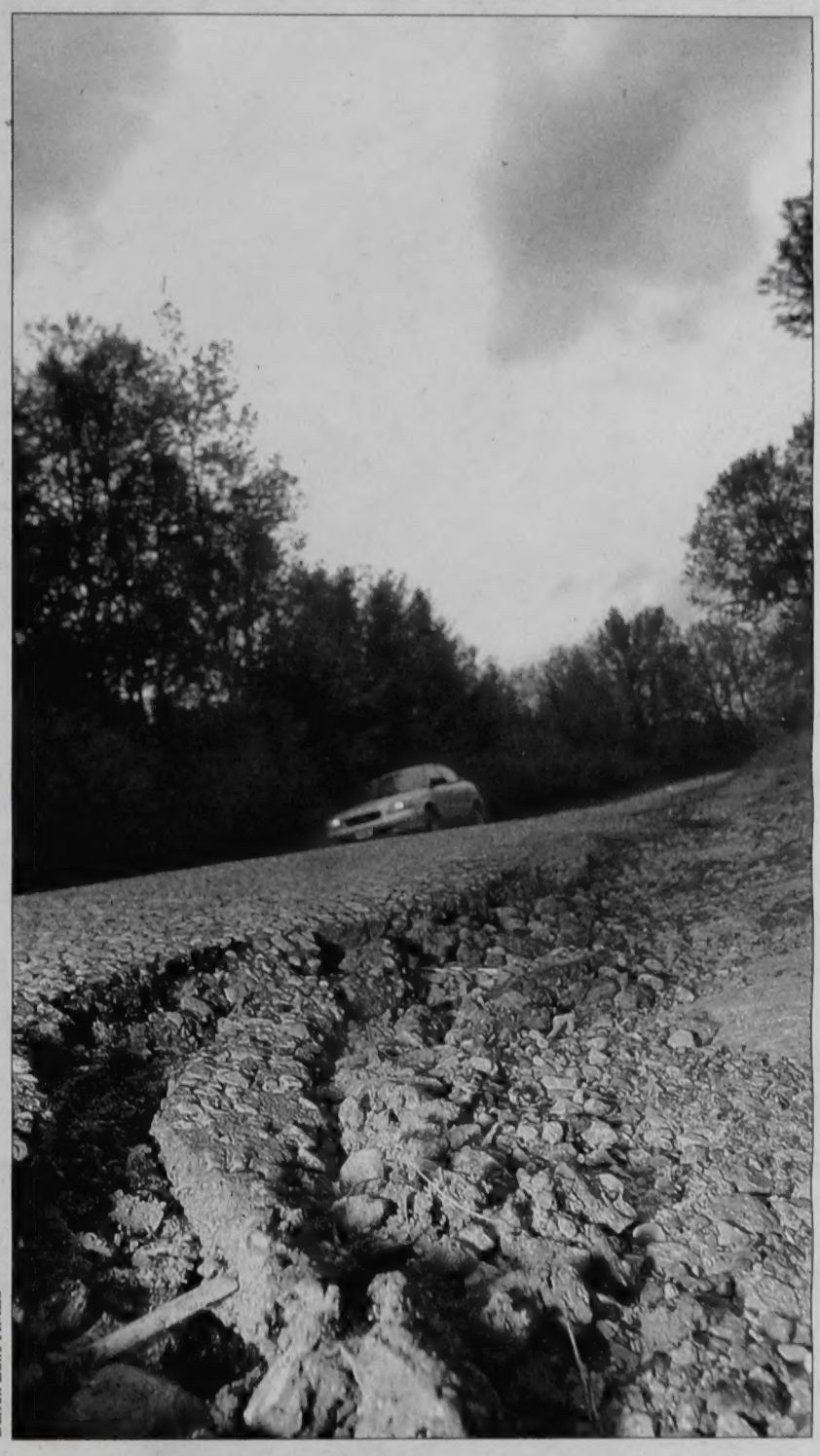
"What will we do for the other lakes next year," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey asked. "We now have a new policy that we're establishing and we're into a lot more costs. I think we're in for a major job but it's got to be done."

He also worried about water-access lakes with no lake associations to help. Who was going to help the county with some of the tasks?

911 co-ordinator Stephen Foster said there are 1,522 water-access properties in the county. He felt that because signage was in the property owner's best interests, the willingness to help will be there.

Foster also agreed with Fearrey that numbering water-access properties will add costs to the county budget next year.

Fearrey's other concern was liability. By going ahead with numbering Kawagama this year and leaving the numbering of other lakes for the future, would the county be held liable if there's an accident on one of the lakes that's not yet numbered? He resolved this problem by requesting that the numbering of Kawagama's water-access properties be called a pilot project.



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Algonquin Highlands has developed a five year plan that will repair the potholes and other signs of damage, such as the one seen here on North Shore Road.

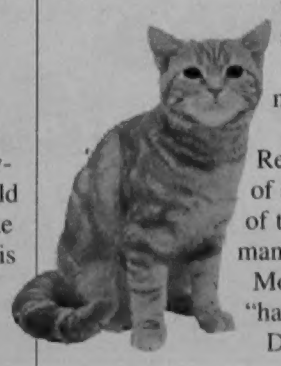
Carnarvon cats relieved at death of 'rogue' coyote

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Cat owners in Carnarvon are breathing easier these days.

A rogue coyote which has been blamed for the disappearance of several cats in the Carnarvon area was dispatched by a Carnarvon resident recently. The coyote has been seen numerous times in and around Carnarvon over the past few weeks. It had little fear of humans.

The animal was seen the day before it was shot on the sidewalk in front of the home of Joe and Vicki Dollo. By the time Joe retrieved a firearm and ammunition from storage the coyote had disappeared. The next day it was in the backyard of the Dollo residence and this time it stayed too long for its own good.



The animal appeared to be healthy – not suffering from mange.

Numerous calls have been fielded by Ministry of Natural Resources staff. Biologist Gerry Moraal said he has heard of a coyote acting strangely near Mountain Lake. The report of that animal indicated to Moraal that it was suffering from mange, unlike the one that was shot in Carnarvon.

Moraal speculated that the Carnarvn coyote may have been "hanging around looking for an easy meal."

Domestic cats often fall into that category.

Roads plan unveiled

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

The following are brief notes from last Thursday's Algonquin Highland's council meeting.

Recently asked by council to update the municipality's five-year road maintenance plan, roads superintendent Brian Whetstone produced a document that council called "excellent."

The draft plan was presented to and accepted by council during its general meeting last Thursday, but any decisions regarding which roads will be fixed this year was deferred to the budget process.

"This is really an excellent document," Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, adding that it gave council the information needed to make its decisions.

The plan includes a page on each of the municipality's roads, which rates the road and lists all necessary repairs needed to improve it. Whetstone also included the average annual usage of the road and estimated costs for the repair work.

Although council asked for a few minor changes and the correction of a couple small errors, they were generally very impressed with the work Whetstone did to create this document.

Prosecutor

Council voted to accept the services of Donald Lange as a prosecutor for by-law offences. He will replace the Kawartha Lakes prosecutor who used to provide the service, but will no longer be able to due to time constraints. Lange's rate is $250 per hour, which council felt was a fair going rate. CAO Gerald Bain indicated that Lange's services wouldn't have to be called upon often since the municipality typically has a need for a prosecutor only three times a year.

Map from MNR

Algonquin Highlands entered into an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources to sell their maps.

The ministry agreed to waive all fees and royalties with the understanding that money made from the maps will be reinvested into the municipality's trails, Mark Coleman of the water trails committee told council.

Emergency grants

A Joint Emergency Preparedness agency of the provincial and federal government approved two of the three applications made by Algonquin Highlands.

The first grant, which is to go towards conducting tabletop exercises with the community, is worth approximately $3,000. It will pay for 45 per cent of the costs.

The second grant that was approved was money towards purchasing a generator for the emergency operation centre. The generator will be portable and can be used at both the Stanhope office and the one in Dorset.

The third application, which was denied, was for a communication kit.

Marvellous Mabel

Who has time to slow down when there's so much to do? Certainly not Mabel Hewitt

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

Widowed twice, Mabel is the mother of four – two boys and two girls – and the grandmother of 14. Her clan gathered together last Saturday at the Delta Pinestone Resort to celebrate 80 years of a remarkable life and to wish Mabel a happy birthday.

Mabel says the enormity of the surprise celebrations is only just hitting her.

"There are no secrets in our family," she said with a smile. "I don't know how they kept it from me."

Her son, who flew in from the United States, used the Haliburton High School Reunion as a guise under which to come home without arousing suspicion from his mother.

Even though the party was an overwhelming surprise, Mabel is enjoying every bit of the memory.

Her outlook on life is to take one day at a time and when in doubt, she says, look into your heart and see what's inside.

"Then follow what your heart says," she advises.

"There have been many disappointments and times of sadness in my life, but I believe that every such incident propels us to a higher awareness of what creation is all about," she said.

When asked about the future, Mabel Brannigan just smiles and says it will be very interesting.

Given the last 80 years, there is no doubt that she is right.

Never one to follow the crowd, 80-year-old Mabel Hewitt is living life by her own rules.

Every summer, beginning at the age of 11, she worked at the Minden Telephone Exchange.

At the age of 18, instead of settling down and getting married like other girls her age, Mabel joined the RCAF and was shipped to Ottawa for top-secret work during World War II.

When the war ended and Mabel returned to the Minden area, she married and continued her work at the telephone office and soon became the first person to offer 24-hour operator service to the community.

In the 1950s, realizing that farming was getting to be too much for her husband, Mabel took night classes to get a university degree, attended the Ontario College of Education, and soon became a teacher in Fenelon Falls.

At 65, the time when most people retire, she bought an old building in Minden and salvaged it for the Legion.

And now at 80, Mabel is not yet ready to slow down. She has big plans: renovation projects in her home and a historical book she is writing based on early settler accounts that have been handed down by her ancestors.

Mabel's roots are firmly set in Haliburton County. Her ancestors, the Sawyers, were the first white settlers to the area and she is very proud of her family history and her heritage.

She wants to record their story for generations to come, she says.

But Mabel's own life story is just as interesting.

Her work and dedication to the community that nurtured her is immeasurable. She served in every office of the Haliburton Legion, including president and is a proud long-term life member of the group. She co-chaired the Haliburton County fundraising group that helped to pay for the first CAT scan in the Peterborough Civic Hospital and she represented seniors on the St. Joseph's Hospital Committee.

Mabel also participated in the watchdog committee that was set up to prevent the Minden hospital from closing.

The list goes on and on.

She has been honoured by the Army Cadet League of Canada with a Meritorious Service Award and received another one from the Ontario Society of Agriculture for 50 years of continuous active service.

But she says one of her greatest honours was receiving a letter of appreciation from *Times/Echo* editor Martha Perkins for her monthly submissions to the *Echo* during the anniversary celebrations of the end of World War II. She wrote about the impact of the war on the lives of Haliburton County residents.

Her pride at having played an active role in the Canadian war effort is evident in many ways.

Waving proudly from her home on Horseshoe Lake is a RCAF flag, which Mabel says has brought many visitors to her home, looking for a kindred spirit from the old days.

"And when they find out it's a woman who served, well that's very special," she says.

The marvellous Mabel Hewitt: at her 80th birthday party, at the lakefront of her home; on her porch. Photos by Izabela Jaroszynski.

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McElroy named NDP candidate

by **ANDY LLOYD**
Times staff

With a new party leader on the national scene and a new candidate in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, the NDP is ready to strike. Its energized leader, Jack Layton, is selling the NDP as a viable alternative for voters who have lost faith in the Liberals.

Last Wednesday Gil McElroy won the NDP nomination for this riding and he's looking forward to offering voters in Haliburton County real change. He says neither the Liberals nor the Conservatives have the answers for this area.

"It's not just about a change. It's about enough is enough. We've had enough of both parties from Mulroney right down to the Chrétien/Martin buddy-buddy coziness of government with large corporations," McElroy says. "It's got to stop. One of the things about the NDP is that big business is not our constituency. Definitely not. We pride ourselves on being the working family's friend."

This isn't McElroy's first run for public office. He was a municipal councillor in the Ottawa region for seven years back in the '80s where he also worked as a high school teacher of accounting, French and English.

Originally from North Bay, McElroy moved back to Ontario in 1995 after living in three other provinces. He now resides in Bobcaygeon. McElroy was the founding chairman of the City of Kawartha Lakes Environmental Advisory Committee.

He thinks the environment is a major issue for this riding.

"It's hard to believe here in the Haliburton area, we would have a smog problem, or a particulate problem. But in fact we do," McElroy says. "Omemee has had more than twice the monthly ozone readings as Toronto itself."

He points to a recent Trent University study which catalogued the devastating effects of smog on central and eastern Ontario. In addition to damaging forests, McElroy says air pollution puts our own health in jeopardy.

"Where does federal government come in? It's unbelievable we haven't heard any saber-rattling about Bush's de-greening of America. He has allowed coal-burning hydro producers to go back to 1970s pollution standards," McElroy says. He's very concerned about how American pollution affects Ontario.

The NDP, he says, would strive to create a green economy. "We know how a green economy not only can create jobs, we know it can significantly improve health. Imagine that Haliburton, what a beautiful Mecca, looking very pristine, is maybe a dangerous place to go because of neglect," McElroy says, referring to air pollution in the region.

He thinks the government should also be doing more to protect the small family-owned businesses that are common in Haliburton County. "Let's have fair tax going on. Let's recognize that wealthy corporations in this country need to be paying their fair share so the small business owners aren't paying an inordinately high, disproportionate amount of taxes."

NDP leader Jack Layton recently announced his plan to increase corporate taxes in Canada, as well as creating an inheritance tax on wealthy estates. McElroy agrees corporate taxes need to increase.

McElroy plans to do some significant campaigning in the Haliburton area. He will also be appearing at an all candidates debate sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce at the Wigamog Inn, June 16 at 7 p.m.

Gil McElroy, right, poses with Maude Barolow of the Council of Canadians.

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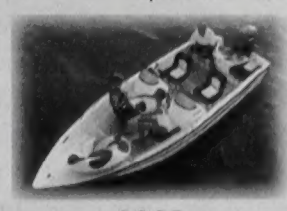

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Mandatory recycling's time has come

Algonquin Highlands is boldly going forth where some municipalities have been reluctant to tread. Council has passed a by-law making recycling mandatory, not just optional at the disgression of those taking their garbage to the landfill sites.

Algonquin Highlands councillors recognize the importance of recycling in preserving the landfill sites as long as possible. By diverting as much recycling material as possible away from the dumps, the useful life of these facilities will be extended.

Landfill sites have become a precious commodity in recent years. The cost of opening new garbage dumps has become so prohibitive that most small municipalities would face huge tax increases to finance them. Such things as mandatory environmental impact studies, not to mention the aquisition of property and preparation of the site to prevent effluent from escaping into the water table are very costly. And since nobody wants a dump in his or her neighbourhood, there is always going to be opposition, no matter where a new dump is to be located. Area residents invariably protest, which means an Ontario Municipal Board hearing, adding time and expense to any landfill site proposal. You don't have to go far to see evidence of resistance to the establishment of a new landfill site. The City of Kawartha Lakes recently sported numerous signs stating "No Dump" and other protest slogans.

Opening new dumps is not the only expense a municipality can look forward to when current sites reach capacity. Closing old dumps is also an expensive proposition. They must be monitored for years after they have been closed to make sure contaminants don't leach into the ground water and possibly the water supply of neighbouring residents. Given the rocky topography of Haliburton County, leachate can easily migrate beyond the confines of a dump site. It takes a good gravel base to filter the effluent. That is something in short supply at most local landfill sites.

It's obvious that it is in everyone's best interest to extend the useful life of all landfill sites. The alternatives are extremely expensive. At some point, incineration will have to be considered a viable option, unless some new technology is developed to dispose of our household refuse.

We're sure the vast majority of residents, both seasonal and permanent, will agree with council's decision. We all know the landfill sites won't last forever. In fact, we're learning that some of the facilities that were expected to last for many more years are now nearing capacity. It is a crisis situation and recycling alone is not a cure. But it will alleviate the symptoms by prolonging the lifespans of our dumps.

Algonquin Highlands council has decided to be fair about the implementation of mandatory recycling. Education will be the key to the success of the program. The goal is not to punish people for not complying with the new by-law, it is to encourage people to do the right thing. To that end, landfill attendants will monitor what's coming into the dumps and make sure people know what is recyclable and where it should be deposited. Only those who refuse to comply will face fines for not recycling.

We have to give Algonquin Highlands councillors credit for the foresight and the courage to make recycling mandatory.

Highlands East has already implemented mandatory recycling, which has resulted in a doubling of the amount of recyclables diverted from its landfill sites. We hope Dysart and Minden Hills follow suit in the near future, making Haliburton County a mandatory recycling county. jg

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

A rare Grandiflorum Snowbunting Trillium. Photo by DARREN LUM/Times

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Say 'yes' to asphalt plant

To the Editor:

The following letter has been sent to Highlands East council

TO COUNCIL: As a taxpayer in the Municipality of Highlands East I respectfully request that council rescind its past resolution "not supporting the proposed asphalt plant at the Bark Lake quarry".

I note that the vast number of taxpayers within the municipality and Haliburton County are in support of the proposed asphalt plant or else have no concern. I understand that a group has initiated a petition expressing support for the proposed asphalt plant. I assume that the petition will be presented to council in due course.

Installation of an asphalt plant would cause: 1) reduced pollution, as trucks would not have to haul the asphalt material as far. 2) reduced consumption of fuel from trucking as fewer trucks would be required and trucking distance would be substantially reduced - important in these times of limited amounts of fuel and high fuel costs. 3) safer highways in the county as the asphalt produced a the Bark Lake quarry would be a skid resistant material - contributing to fewer traffic fatalities. 4)asphalt produced at the Bark Lake quarry would provide for a longer lasting, more durable pavement - cost savings. 5) some employment - I note that local persons are presently employed at the quarry operation and the company is looking for more qualified workers. Every job counts.

I note that the proposed asphalt plant could provide service to paving projects a maximum of about 50 to 60 miles from the plant.

An independent report (in your file) confirms environmental impacts are negligible.

I also note that most of the asphalt plants in Ontario are located in the vicinity of residential or commercial areas, having had no impact on property values. I have witnessed a number of cases where residences valued at a million dollars plus have been

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INOTHERWORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Great discoveries gone awry

BEYOND35

Steve Galea

I once read that some natives of India wear a face mask on the back of their head when travelling through tiger country. This clever idea is designed to prevent big cat attacks, the theory being that these dangerous predators always strike from behind, very much like hockey goons.

Soon after, I got to thinking that this Asian technology might be applicable to mosquitoes and other biting pests right here in the wilds of Canada. Of course we'd have to add a slight twist since our pests attack from all sides and are a fair bit fiercer than your run-of-the-mill tiger.

I was considering this when I made a startling discovery that should change the way we deal with biting pests here in North America. Like all great ideas, it was accidental and occurred when I was exercising the most powerful muscle in my body - my legs. While running headlong from a swarm of black flies I did something that thousands of brilliant people do each and every day - I ran into a telephone pole.

As I lay at the base of that immovable menace, I noted one very interesting thing. While mosquitoes and black flies were practically draining me of all my blood, not one bit the two telephone poles that stood just inches away. Suddenly, the solution came to me.

Why not make a bug suit that looked like a telephone pole? As simple as this is, I do not believe that this has occurred to many people.

I know it's practically unfair, me using my higher reasoning ability to outsmart that of the lowly biting insect and, for a while, I even considered suppressing the idea for fear of forever changing the delicate balance of nature. Fortunately for mankind, I also reasoned that I couldn't care less about this.

Before you comment on my intelligence, permit me to say that I'm not normally this smart, but I believe that the sudden jostling of my brain vis a vis a telephone pole worked in my favour this time.

Anyhow, eager to pursue my brilliant theory I built a prototype telephone pole bug suit out of old Popsicle sticks and cheap white glue. Then, asserting intellectual superiority, I stood knee-deep in water in a swamp at night for several hours. Unfortunately, it didn't work as planned as the glue happened to be water-soluble. Which reminds me, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who donated blood.

Undaunted, I built a second prototype telephone pole suit, this time 40 feet high and hollowed out with holes for arms, legs and face. What the suit gained in authenticity, however, it lacked in mobility, especially if you are hoping to drive a compact sedan.

My wife, by this time, was beginning to doubt my sanity. She even suggested that I had been affected by one too many mosquito bites to the head. To which I say, is it mad to pursue a dream? Is it mad to want to help your fellow man? Is it mad to want to be known as the father of the telephone pole bug suit?

I'll let history be the judge.

Right now you are probably thinking that there's nothing wrong with the bug jacket. Well, you'd think differently if you lived in burr country as I do. Insect repellent? That stuff is okay if you don't mind covering yourself in a totally unnatural product. I think I prefer a telephone pole, thank you very much.

And yesterday, I'm pleased to announce, I finally developed the perfect telephone pole suit. Life for the outdoorsman will now be easy. It's lightweight, somewhat slimming, and, best of all, the bugs ignore it. Now if I could just find a way to stop those brilliant people from running into me. Oh yes, and the woodpeckers, let's not forget those pesky woodpeckers...

Wet days and Highland mists

BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

For the culvert under the woods road that leads back to my sugar shack, the weekend's monsoon was way too much to swallow.

A little creek is supposed to run through the culvert, usually a couple of hundred babbling feet emptying one pond into another.

Most days, the gravel surface is two feet above the water. This morning, the gravel is *under* the water. So are two beaver-built cofferdams just upstream from the road.

Beaver work, says The Brown Dog Jiggs, but some water still flows through and we have places to be, so we leave the road to its fate while I contemplate wading waist-deep in muck and cold water to undo the beaver's work.

Our day's work done, Jiggs and I come back that evening to find the creek level below the road. By next morning, the water is just above the top of the culvert. The culvert's upper lip is bent and the creek burps burps strong enough to shake the road surface.

A day later, the stream is back to a fast-flowing version of normal. There had been no beaver work, just a downpour that jams our waterworks late in a soggy May. We are not alone.

To the south and east of us, back yards become temporary parts of the Burnt River. To the south and west, near Beaverton, cornfields turn into rice paddies.

On cottage-opening weekend, it is just one rainy day after another. Working my way from cottage to cottage around one part of Big Bob Lake, I hear of sightings – a canoe floating off a shore, a drifting dock, an empty boat . . .

A small girl tries a Victoria Day dip in teeth-chattering Bob Lake water. It lasts only long enough for her to change her mind.

A washout gapes on the siding of Fleming Road near Minden, just west of Prentuskoka. The road had been banked high here; now gravel covers the forest floor below.

By Tuesday, the Trent Canal is racing through Peterborough at three times its Friday volume, far above safe navigation levels. The figures are 50 to 60 cubic metres per second on Friday, 125 for safe boating and 170 on Tuesday.

Stop logs pile on stop logs in dams on the Trent's Haliburton storage lakes and on other dams watched over by the province's Ministry of Natural Resources.

There is water, water everywhere, but not as much for us as for others down below us. Two and one-half inches of rain fall on Minden over the weekend; there is twice that much in the Trent's rain gauge at Kirkfield.

Levels on the Trent's Haliburton lakes are almost normal by Tuesday, only a couple of per cent above their listed capacity. Haliburton's water will stay here until the torrents that fell further west work their way through the canal system.

Weather-watcher Phil Graham measures two of Minden's weekend inches on Sunday. That is a lot of rain but nowhere near a record, says Graham.

However, it falls on a county feeling water-logged for a second May in a row – more than 127 millilitres (five inches) for the month by the end of this Victoria Day after 111 in all of May, 2003; usually May brings about 80.

The damp sends some cottagers high-tailing it back to the city. Others sit by their firesides, listening to the rain on the roof as they read or knit or play the same board games with their children they once played with their parents on rainy cottage days.

Over the three days, it is hardly ever too wet for a head-clearing walk and never too wet for the Labrador retrievers – chocolate and yellow and even black – who weekend on Big Bob Lake or for The Brown Dog Jiggs, for that matter.

Lawns glisten with the wet and dog tracks cross cottage kitchen floors.

It is a fine day for looking at landscapes. "I think I'm back home in Scotland,' says Fred Kean, gazing out his cottage window across Bob Lake.

As we look at it together, the lake becomes a loch and the water not in it moves in two directions, the mist rising up to meet the drizzle coming down and all around the hills and islands are dressed in the bright green of a rainy May day.

For just a moment, I think I hear the skirl of bagpipes.

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Caution urged on quarry licensing

MORELETTERS

Times readers write

constructed within view of asphalt plants.

With respect to your resolution #2003-306 I would advise that council be cautious in this regard. Designation of municipalities under the Aggregate Resources Act only provides further regulation on private lands and not on Crown lands as the Aggregate Resources Act already regulates Crown land. Designation would require that all existing and proposed private and municipal pits / quarries be licensed under the Aggregate Resources Act. Upon designation all existing pit owners, including the municipality, would be required to provide site plans (at significant expense) and an application for license to the Minister of Natural Resources.

I note that there are very little significant unconsolidated gravel deposits remaining in the County of Haliburton. There are numerous small deposits with sand / fill pits. Due to the major expense that would be inherited by landowners with small pits it would be cost prohibitive to proceed with licensing. Thus, designation would only serve to sterilize whatever little bit of sand / gravel resource that remains in the County and taxpayers would have to pay considerably more to have aggregate trucked in from such areas as the City of Kawartha Lakes.

After designation under the Aggregate Resources Act, any new / proposed pits/quarries on private land would require appropriate designation under the Official Plan, appropriate zoning under the Zoning By-law and licensing under the Aggregate Resources Act. Under the Aggregate Resources Act numerous reports, together with expensive site plans, would be required. I have dealt with numerous applications in the City of Kawartha Lakes with costs to applicants running at $250,000 to over a million dollars before a licence is issued under the Aggregate Resources Act. Basically, the small family-operated pits are out of business and only the large companies can deal with the cost. Due to sterilization of aggregates (which includes sand, gravel, fill and rock) in the Haliburton area it will then cost taxpayers considerably more to import aggregate from long distances.

I request that council provide due consideration to the above.

Dennis Simmons
Irondale

A champion on wheels

Minden's Bill Hamilton competed in 1948 Olympics

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Bill Hamilton doesn't dwell on the past, although he may be forgiven if he did. After all, how many can claim the honour of representing Canada at the Olympic Games?

Hamilton was still a teenager when he competed in the 1948 Olympics in London, England in the bicycling event. He was 18.

A year earlier, Hamilton joined the Victor Cycle Club in his hometown of Oshawa. It wasn't long before he demonstrated a talent for bicycle racing. "I was winning races with an old crate," he said, adding that everybody wondered what he could do with a good bike. He got the chance to find out and his prowess on two wheels landed him in London along with friend and fellow Victor Cycle Club member Lance Pugh.

Although he came home without a medal, the experience is something he will always treasure.

Back in Canada and in the north-eastern United States, Bill Hamilton continued to rack up an impressive list of cycling wins in everything from 50 and 100 yard sprints to 50 mile races. He recalls one 50-mile race in Manitoba that he didn't win. "I finished third, but I ran the last third of the race on a flat tire," he said.

He still has a box full of medals and certificates from five years of competitive cycling. He has numerous Ontario and Canadian championships to his credit.

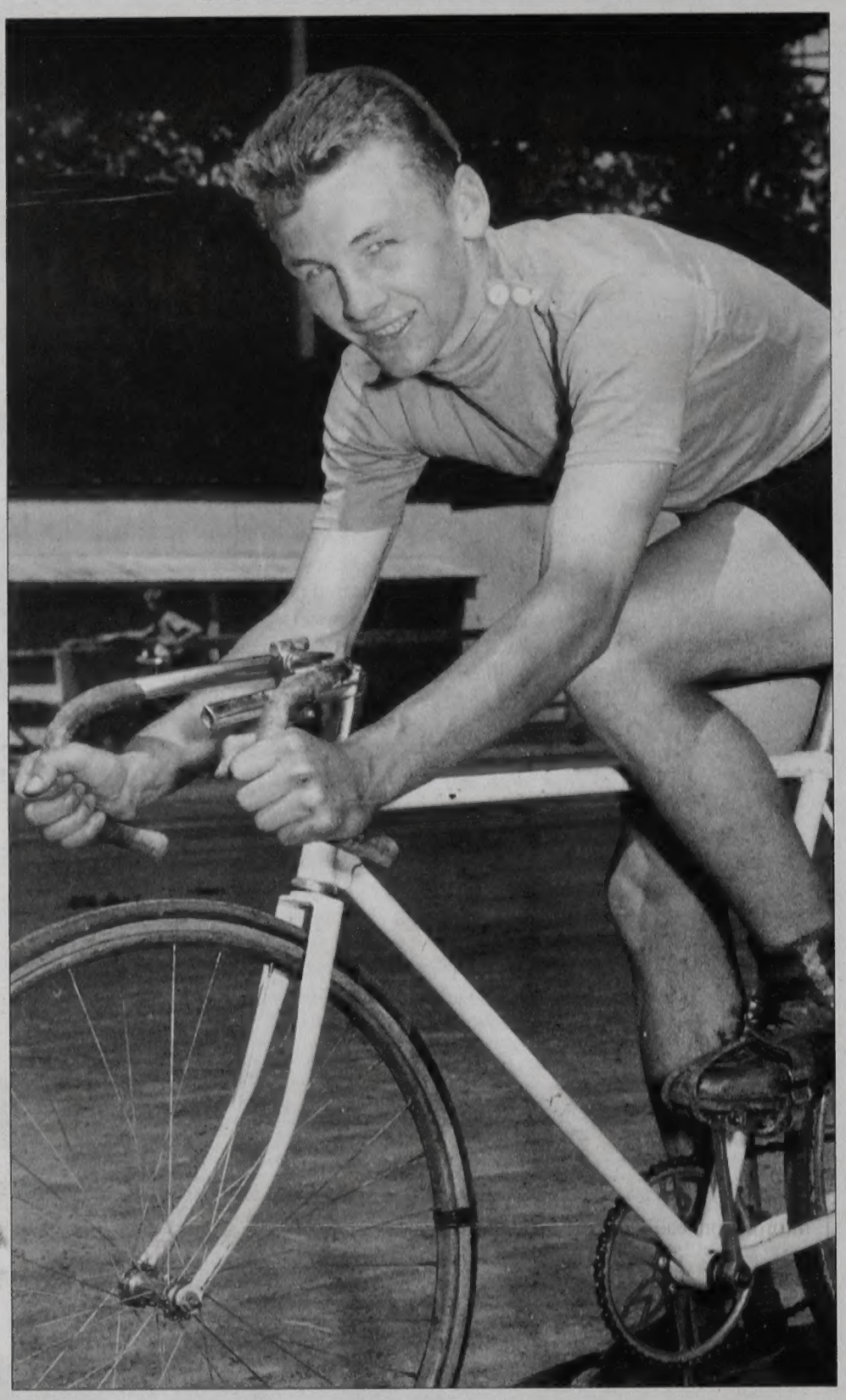
His competitive spirit enabled him to race in other parts of the world. Two years after going to the Olympics in London, he went to Auckland, New Zealand to compete in the Empire Games.

Hamilton was 17 when he started to ride competitively. But his cycling started at an earlier age. At 12, he and his younger brother Ken, who was 11 at the time, did something no parent would dream of allowing their children to do today. They rode from Oshawa to North Bay and back.

"It took us four days up and four days back," he said.

His accomplishments on two wheels earned Bill Hamilton a place in the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame. He and his riding pal Lance Pugh were inducted at the same time - May 27, 1987.

"There's more to winning than pedal hard and keep going," he said. "You have to have desire." He applied that theory to his work life as well.



'There's more to winning than pedal hard and keep going,' says Bill Hamilton, who has numerous Ontario and Canadian championships to his credit, earning him a place at the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame. 'You have to have desire.'

Shirley and Bill Hamilton hold up an original poster from the 1948 Olympics in London. Although he didn't win a medal when he competed in the cycling event as an 18-year-old, he will always treasure the memories of taking part in such an auspicious event. They began cottaging in the Highlands in 1958 and moved here in 1970. Today their favourite pastimes are gardening and making a variety of wines.

After five years of competition, Hamilton says he felt his enthusiasm wane and he retired from racing and turned his attention to earning a living. He worked for Joe Victor of Victor Cycle in Oshawa during his racing career. He tried a variety of occupations, including running a restaurant and three stints at the General Motors plant. "I worked at GM three times, the last time for half a day," he said with a chuckle.

He finally found that he had a knack for buying and selling. He found a niche in cash registers. He was able to buy used cash registers and he found good technicians who were able to refurbish the various makes. He travelled to businesses from Oshawa to North Bay, often making that trip in a single day. He recalls selling five cash registers in a single day making cold calls.

Many local business owners will recall buying a cash register from Bill Hamilton.

Hamilton has retired. But he is still a wheeler-dealer. He likes to negotiate for the best deal he can get, whether it's buying a vehicle or adding to his collection of "necessities" that would fill a good-sized warehouse.

During his travels back and forth between Oshawa and North Bay, Hamilton thought it would be more convenient to move somewhere between the two cities. In 1958 he bought a cottage on Little Hawk Lake and in 1970 the Hamiltons bought some property along the Little Hawk Lake Road. The Hamiltons built their current home on that property.

These days, Bill and his wife Shirley do a lot of gardening and wine making. They have tried a variety of ingredients ranging from the traditional grapes to green tomatoes, choke cherries, rhubarb and even turnips. Only one of the above turned out badly, and that was the turnips.

Today, Hamilton would rather talk about his son Greg, who is an accomplished musician, guitar collector and businessman, than his own accomplishments of more than half a century ago. But that's another story.

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The Hummers were the overall winners as well as the third series victors. The top team members are, left to right: Doug Burtch, Sharon Barnhart, Betty Lockhart, Anne McCreight and Alf Briscoe.

The Dancers were the winners of the first series of the Thursday Afternoon League at Carnarvon Lanes. They are, left to right: Syd Lockhart, Beverley Alexander, Pearl Foster, Lil Allen and Ross Henderson.

The second series winners were the members of the Alley Cats: Ken Thompson, Joyce Chilton, Laura Carnegie Shirley Webb and Dee Maclean. Doreen Hogg was unavailable for the team photo.

Thursday Afternoon Bowlers receive awards

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The annual Awards Banquet for the Thursday Afternoon Bowling League from Carnarvon Lanes was held last week at Mark's Restaurant in Minden. Syd Lockhart and Josie Cheesman presented the awards.

The season was divided into three series. The winners of the third series, The Hummers, were Doug Burtch, Sharon Barnhart, Betty Lockhart, Anne McCreight and Alf Briscoe.

The Alley Cats - Ken Thompson, Joyce Chilton, Doreen Hogg, Laura Carnegie, Shirley Webb and Dee Maclean - took the second series honours.

The first series winning team, The Dancers, included Syd Lockhart, Beverley Alexander, Pearl Foster, Lil Allen and Ross Henderson.

The A Division playoff winners were the Hummers and the B Division title went to the High Rollers, including Betty Henderson, Vern Chilton, Eleanor Bunker, Gord Maclean and Maraylene Welch.

Individual awards were also presented:

Men's high average - Ken Thompson 215
Ladies' high average - Josie Cheesman 170
Men's high single - Alf Briscoe 277
Ladies' high single - Pearl Foster 261
Men's high single (handicap) - Syd Lockhart 322
Ladies' high single (handicap) - Bernice Gilles 323
Men's high triple - Merv Bunker 697
Ladies' high triple - Shirley Webb 638
Men's high triple (handicap) - Bob Webb 699
Ladies' high triple (handicap) - Eleanor Bunker 759

Most improved bowler - Anne McCreight and Dee Maclean tied (+24)

Perfect attendance awards went to Betty Lockhart, Beverley Alexander, Helen Skelding, Ken Thompson and Syd Lockhart.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

NOTICE

Township of Algonquin Highlands

The Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for

Thursday, July 1, 2004
has been
CANCELLED

The next regular meeting will be held

Thursday, July 15, 2004
as previously scheduled.

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- Enjoy *Tai Chi In the Park* on June 17 at 11 am in Head Lake Park in Haliburton Village. It's a free introductory tai chi session (rain date is June 18, same time and place).

- Pick up your free copy of the *Time For You* video at the Health Unit or Government Information Centre in Minden as quantities last starting June 1. The 16-minute video promotes flexibility and muscle strength for seniors. Call (705) 457-1391 for details.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands
NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is currently undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment – Schedule "C" to consider the development of a hauled sewage facility to serve the Township. Initial investigations identified the Pine Springs site as a suitable candidate location for the construction of this facility. In keeping with the Provincial Environmental Assessment Act, a more detailed evaluation of alternatives is now being undertaken with ample opportunity for input from the local community and other stakeholders.

The municipality will host a Public Meeting at the Stanhope Fire Fighters Community Centre (North Shore Road - beside the municipal office) on Saturday June 12, 2004 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, to provide area residents with an opportunity to learn more about the current proposal and to discuss alternatives.

A brief presentation of new information by SGS Lakefield representatives is planned for 10:15 am. Following the presentation, the public will be invited to view information displays and to ask questions of the consultants. Members of Council will also attend, and will be available to discuss the proposal. A Question & Answer period will be offered prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

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ASES hosts massed bands

Victoria Hillier and Lisa Park, above, both members of the ASES Grade 8 band, play a piece for the first time with hundreds of other young musicians at a gathering of bands from across Trillium Lakelands District School Board at the Minden school last week. Tuba players Kelci Haley, Daniel Goodwin and Allison Lytle, at left, perform during the massed band pieces. At far left is ASES clarinetist Brenda Mercer. The J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School band and the HHSS band, which is presently in Montreal for a national competition, also performed.

Photos by Darren Lum

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held ***Monday, June 14th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.*** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-10/04
   Applicant: Alfredo & Christina RICO
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 21 & 22, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden
   Naure of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submission to the Land Division Committtee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 28th day of May, 2004.

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Co-operation can help solve transportation woes

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Harry Gow offered some insight into how Quebec has dealt with rural transportation accessibility issues.

Gow is the co-ordinator of the Rural Transit Project for Health Canada and a co-founder of Transport 2000. He spoke at the conference room of the Haliburton Hospital to a group of people representing a variety of agencies. Gow's presentation was hosted by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit.

The focus was transporting people in rural areas who may not have access to a personal vehicle to attend medical appointments and other necessary travel, such as grocery shopping.

Gow noted that "the federal government has divested itself of services to rural areas."

He used England as an example where trains were discontinued. "The social cost was substantial in England when train services to rural areas was discontinued," he said. "Bus services lasted for a few years and then were discontinued."

He added that taxis were too expensive for many people and as a result, medical appointments were cancelled because people were unable to find an affordable way to get to their appointments.

In Quebec, studies found that there was some duplication of bus services - specifically school buses and municipal buses. Gow said empty seats on school buses were offered to adults, who paid a few dollars for the service. He said he expected some difficulties with adults riding on buses with students, but that hasn't been the case. "It has worked for 20 years without a single complaint," he said.

Harry Gow is co-founder of Transport 2000. He spoke at a meeting hosted by the local health unit.

Handicap buses were also utilized in co-operation with other services. Gow pointed out that handicap buses, where they are available in rural areas, are underutilized. They often sit for extended periods or travel with unoccupied seating when they could be used by other members of the community. He said they have the added advantage of providing easier access for seniors than other buses.

Gow said inter-village rivalries had to be overcome before shared transportation services could be implemented. But they were overcome and residents who formerly had little opportunity to find affordable transportation are now enjoying a new sense of freedom.

Inter-village rivalries have to be overcome before shared services can be implemented
HARRY GOW

He said the goal is to link users with transporters, including school buses, handicap buses, volunteers, taxis and even ride sharing with residents who have cars. The services are co-ordinated through shared transport brokers.

Gow said there was some resistance at first, but once rivalry and other hurdles were ovecome the system proved to work very well. He cautioned that objectives and time frames regarding the organization and co-ordination of services are difficult to meet. "Shared transport wasn't an easy sell," he admitted. But county governments were persuaded to contribute to the program and the Ministry of Transportation committed funding for a five-year trial.

He said the best way to achieve goals is to start small and go from there. "You have to squeeze waste out of the system by using available resources. He said the handicap bus at Hyland Crest could be used more, especially to get handicapped people around. Gow noted that the schol boards have been very co-operative in Quebec, as has the government, by passing legislation regarding insurance for people other than students using the school bus system, for example.

A poll of users of the new system showed that the majority felt a lesser degree of isolation and 48 per cent said their quality of life was much improved by the availability of transportation. "Fewer people were cancelling medical appointments," Gow said.

He advised those in attendance to pressure their MP and MPP to change insurance laws where necessary and ask them to support a similar rural transport program here.

Public Health Nurse Mary Lou Mills' recommendation to the Health Unit that a similar transportation system be developed locally and that support be sought from the Ministry of Health as well as local MPs and MPPs was supported.

Road sign policy causing confusion

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

While it may cause confusion to place a road sign several metres before the road, it does help prevent dangerous situations from arising when a driver brakes suddenly when he realizes that he overshot the road, says engineering supervisor Roy Haig in response to complaints about the placement of signs along County Road 1.

The county's policy states that on county roads with a posted speed limit of 80 km/hr, signs indicating private and municipal roads should be placed 15 to 25 metres before the intersection.

"We can't put signs right at the road because people would overshoot them," Haig said at Wednesday's county council meeting.

But Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney said the policy was causing two much confusion, especially in the Scots Dam area where it's difficult to tell where the new private roads are. As well, the Scots Dam Road sign is at a private driveway and people unfamiliar with the area are turning onto it. The Lochlin Road sign has people turning into the community centre.

"I can see the confusion for the people if signs are that far away from the actual road," Rigney said. He also complained that it's taking too long to replace signs that are knocked down.

Haig said that because of work demands the department is having trouble getting to damaged signs in a timely manner.

When asked if there was a pot hole every quarter mile, roads manager Doug Ray said, "And a beaver dam, too."

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Minden was very amused

It was Queen Victoria who once said, "We are not amused," but even Her Royal Highness was very amused by the Jubilee celebrations held in Minden last weekend. The event, the costumes – everything was top-notch and a lot of fun. In these photos (starting top left, clockwise), Minden Hills Councillor Peter Oyler takes a solemn turn as Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier and Kathryn Boyd was lovely as a lady in waiting; Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney gestures as Haliburton Warden Alexander Niven with his real life wife Lois as Niven's wife Maggie; *Times* editor Martha Perkins as a reporter from *Toronto Daily Star*; dignitaries included Sir Sandford Fleming College President Brian Desbiens as Sandford Fleming, Oyler, Klara Oyler as Clem, Tim Nicholson as Mr. Brown, Chris Archer as Queen Victoria, Boyd, Rigney and Rigney; a train arrives with Archer, Nicholson and Boyd.
Photos by Darren Lum.

Queen for a day

Even the blackflies and the raindrops couldn't put a damper on a terrific jubilee

by **ANDY LLOYD**
Times staff

Darren Lum/TIMES

Queen Victoria (Chris Archer) received a warm and regal reception from the people who attended her jubilee last weekend.

Minden was honoured with its first royal visit last Sunday when none other than Queen Victoria dropped by to celebrate her jubilee. With Union Jacks flapping and rousing rounds of *God Save The Queen*, Minden transported itself back to 1897, the year Queen Victoria celebrated 60 years on the throne.

To mark the Victoria Day long weekend, Minden recreated what the celebration might have been like ... 107 years ago.

Well-wishers gathered at the museum grounds for the 1 p.m. ceremony while the Queen (played by Christine Archer) and her stately entourage visited the Hyland Crest Long-Term Care facility. Dressed in an elegantly conservative black dress with gold trim, Victoria spoke with residents who were tickled pink to chat with a monarch.

Lady-in-waiting Mary Yates (Kathryn Boyd) and Scotsman Mr. Brown (Tim Nicholson) attended the Queen. The Canadian contingent of the entourage included Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier (Minden Hills Councillor Peter Oyler) and his consort Clem (Klara Oyler), Sandford Fleming (Brian Desbiens, president of Sir Sandford Fleming College) and Haliburton Warden Alexander Niven (Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney) and his wife, Maggie (Lois Rigney).

While the Queen graciously met with Hyland Crest residents Mrs. Niven complained about the ferocious blackflies and chastised her husband for bringing her to what she called, "this bug-infested wilderness."

But the ladies at Hyland Crest seemed more interested in Mrs. Niven's husband.

"I like your friend. Very lovely. Very very lovely," one resident said with a devious smile, gesturing towards Mr. Niven. Indeed, in a gray suit with a fancy top hat, Mr. Niven looked quite debonair.

A little flustered, Mrs. Niven said. "He's not my friend, dear, he's my husband!"

Before long it was time for the Queen and her entourage to depart for the museum grounds where her adoring subjects were waiting to celebrate. It was a motorcade of miniature proportions as the Queen stuffed herself into the novelty train rented for the occasion.

When Queen Victoria and the dignitaries arrived at the museum, the bagpipes began to play and people came a-runnin'. They lined the entrance and snapped photos. They clapped and cheered. Little children craned their necks to get a peek at the imposing Queen. Usually very solemn, Victoria lightened up a little and flashed one of them a wink and a smile.

When the entourage was seated under the big tent, trimmed with red, white and blue, Dr. Nathan deMento (Jack Brezina) began the official jubilee ceremony by setting the scene.

"In the great capital of London, England, Victoria sat on the throne, a royal powerhouse and the mistress of dominions that spanned the globe; an empire, as they say, on which the sun never set. She had been on that throne for 60 years and saw the spread of her power like no one before or since, and, in that special year, the men and women of her empire decided it was time to celebrate her reign.

"Victoria's Jubilee was to be celebrated in the spring of 1897. The Jubilee caught the imagination of wranglers in Australia, navvies in New Zealand, cotton pickers in India, foremen in the factories of the midlands of England, hunters on the geld of Africa, and, even here, in this very place, on the rock shield in the highlands of Ontario – farmers and loggers and trappers and merchants and ministers were electrified by the event. Especially the young. And, by a stroke of my own kind of magic, I'm going to bring that time back again. A time for us to celebrate!"

The Minden Children's Choir favoured with Queen with some of their best material including *A Tisket, A Tasket* and *BINGO*. Obviously enjoying herself, Victoria clapped along.

Mr. Niven brought greetings from the people of Haliburton County and the Queen then spoke before knighting Wilfrid Laurier and Sandford Fleming.

"In celebration of my Jubilee I have been given the warmest of welcomes from everybody I have met. This has been true of people from every background, age or walk of life. And over these past few days I have been struck again and again by the strengths of this country, as well as the blackflies! I have travelled through the Highlands visiting the small villages, the regional towns and rural areas. I even went to Gelert!"

Up until this point the weather was fair, but as the ceremony came to a close rain started to fall. Some of the outdoor games planned for the event had to be cancelled but that didn't stop youngsters from skipping. Dr. deMento also told some captivating stories under the big tent for everyone's enjoyment.

Miss Gingold, the school marm, taught kids a thing or two about attending class in 1897 in one of the museum's old school houses. And good children were rewarded with penny candy at the general store. A clown on stilts kept everyone laughing while royals and commoners mingled in celebration.

Meanwhile, the Queen and her entourage journeyed with her devoted subjects to The Wild Swan Bed and Breakfast where they were regally entertained by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's swing band and The Gentlemen of Song.

With great attendance and lots of fun, the event proved to be a fitting celebration for the Victoria Day long weekend. Organizers have already floated the idea of doing it bigger and better in years to come.

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Young green thumbs

There were 62 ASES Grade 3 students who participated in an informative event that teaches gardening practices and encourages the future of gardening. Funded by the Haliburton County Master Gardeners the event is enjoying its third year of spring planting and cleaning at the museum. Pauline Plooard and Susan Sheehan were master gardeners in attendance. There were seven volunteers who helped with the exercise. At right, Minden & District Horticultural Society member Rose Paliwoda was happy to give ASES students such as Grade 3 Ben Hicks a helping hand at the local museum on Tuesday, May 25. The society will hold its annual show from June 4th to June 5th.

Darren Lum/TIMES

Tree-cutting permits to have one-year limit

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

When someone gets a permit to cut trees on his or her land, it is being recommended that the permit expire in a year.

Forestry by-law enforcement officer Adam Barkovitz made the suggestion to council which will vote on it next month. In the meantime, all the stakeholders who helped draft the revised new by-law will be notified of the change. The one-year limit was included in the old by-law.

Barkovitz says that with the time limit, "the potential for a logging operation to re-enter lands for which a permit has been granted in years past without the knowledge of the forest conservation officer would be eliminated. The officer will have a clearer picture as to where harvesting operations are occurring and improve work efficiency...

"The amendment will serve to increase communication between the county and those harvesting trees in the county. It will aid in protecting landowners as to what is occurring on their land, as their signature will be needed to renew a permit to harvest."

Highlands video

Councillors praised George Farrell for the work he did filming and producing a promotional video about the Highlands.

"This is the best piece of art that's come out and it would be a shame to see it lost," said Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon, who wanted to ensure that enough copies of the video were made. "We should take advantage of it; it's an asset to the community."

Two hundred copies of the video have been made; 80 have already been distributed throughout the county, 50 have been bought by the county, 70 have been bought by the Haliburton School of the Arts, and 25 DVDs have been produced for distribution.

Land division

It will now cost $500 to apply for a land severance, up from $400. There has been no price increase since 1994. A survey of other jurisdictions shows fees of between $546 and $675.

Mileage fees

The county's new mileage policy gives drivers 37 cents a kilometre, an increase of two cents over the current rate. This may decrease if and when gas prices come down again.

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Lob ball league's policy to raise player age limit deemed unfair by mother

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Jean Broersma's letter regarding the age being raised to 18 this year for the Mixed Lob Ball League. As a parent of a teenager who played last year, I feel the way this was brought about is very disappointing.

Darrin attended sign-up on the first night of registration, filled out the paperwork and paid his $25. A day or two later I received a phone call in the middle of the day, when Darrin was at school, to advise that the age limit had been raised, asking me to let Darrin know. Changing the rules after advertising and holding registration somehow doesn't seem quite right to me. I encouraged Darrin to call and speak with Lawrence and the only reason he gave him for the change was that "they were more comfortable with the age of 18".

The caller told me that one of the reasons for the change was because there was a waiting list last year. The teenagers were welcomed when the numbers were down but now that they have more people interested they are not needed. As far as I am concerned, everyone has the same opportunity to sign up, and as with any sport there is a limi to the number of people you can accommodate. "If you snooze you lose." Only a hand full of individuals were affected and I feel that if there was a decision to raise the age, the teenagers who previously played should have been grand fathered in, not cut.

In speaking with Nancy Walker of the Youth League she advised me that she has had only two or three people sixteen or over who signed with her league. So it really doesn't appear that there are a whole lot of sixteen and seventeen year olds who are interested in playing ball.

I feel the decision was a bad one. For the number of teenagers involved I feel they could have been accommodated. You may not consider my seventeen-year-old an adult, but I certainly do. And then again, so does our Criminal System. He's actually more mature and makes better choices than a lot of "adults" I know.

By the way Darrin is still waiting for a refund, unless of course the league does what's right and has him reinstated.

Kathy McKelvey-Brown
Minden

The ugliness of litter lost of the perpetrators

To the Editor:

Is all of Haliburton County a Landfill Site?

As I approached our mailbox on the Scotchline West to retrieve the daily post last Wednesday, I was graced by an entire set of automotive rims and tires. I suppose I should be relieved since last fall it was a full size double doored refrigerator, with drawers and shelving scattered in all directions on our property but honestly, it is rather disturbing. To imagine someone driving down back roads in search of a suitable dumping location is difficult to fathom. The only assumption I can draw from all this is that the individual responsible failed to attend school during the elementary years. Thinking back I believe the basics of "littering" were taught during grades one and two.

Unfortunately my wife and I took time to bag all of the litter on the Scotchline West (cannot bear to drive by it day after day) in late spring and to see it accumulate rapidly again is rather disheartening.

Whoever you are, "Grow Up!".

Paul and Suzanne Sharpless
Windrock Farm, Minden

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The planning committee for the Victoria's Jubilee event held Sunday May 23, 2004 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Wild Swan Inn and the Gull River extends an enormous thank you to the following very impressive list of organizers, helpers, and sponsors - Kudos to you all -

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Voices will rise as Minden United choir stages music and song concert featuring soloists and other choirs

Minden United Church Choir is staging a spring music and song fund-raising extravaganza.

The event will be held on Sunday, May 30 at the church on Newcastle Street, Minden.

This musical variety concert, entitled "Sounds of Spring", is a new addition to the exciting spring music calendar in the Highlands. The concert features prominent Highlands soloists Kathy Rogers, John Miller, Leah Logan, Cathy Cox, and Josh Wales. Performances from the Gentlemen of Song, the Tri Vocals and the Highlands Male Chorus will add to ther audience's enjoyment of the evening program.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. The concert begins at 7:30 and will entertain the audience for approximately two hours, with refreshments being served afterwards.

Tickets are available from Minden's Pharmasave Drug Store or from any Minden United Church Choir member, or call 286-6307. Tickets are $10.00 per adult and $5.00 per child under 12. Tickets are expected to be in demand for this single performance musical evening.

If you're planning to attend, you're asked to bring your singing voice with you.

Health Unit urges smoke-free cars

World No-Tobacco Day marks launch of smoke-free vehicle campaign

A new health campaign is underway to drive home the point that smoking in cars, trucks and vans is not a good idea.

The Smoke-Free Vehicle Campaign is a joint effort of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Health For Life and three local car dealerships. Their goal is to show Haliburton County residents the importance of making their vehicles a smoke-free zone to protect the health of passengers – especially children.

"Being in a smoker's car for one hour is equal to smoking three cigarettes," says Anne-Marie Cyr, a public health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Who wants to expose young children in a vehicle to this kind of health hazard?"

A recent Health Unit phone survey finds 45 percent of parents in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes allows smoking in their vehicles. Cyr calls the survey results "very troubling," especially when exposure to second-hand smoke can cause ear infections, asthma, pneumonia and bronchitis in children. Second-hand smoke can also affect a child's lung growth and development.

The Smoke-Free Vehicle Campaign kicks off locally on World No-Tobacco Day, which is marked on May 31. World No-Tobacco Day is marked internationally to raise awareness on the dangers of using tobacco.

Starting on World No-Tobacco Day, local residents can pick up a smoke-free cling that they can put in their vehicle window. The clings are available at: Health Unit office in Haliburton, Curry Motors in Haliburton, Keaney Chrysler Sales in Minden, Ridgewood Ford Sales in Minden and the Government Information Centre in Minden.

Cyr says the smoke-free clings send a strong statement to others. "The clings show the dedication of vehicle owners to protecting the health of passengers from the toxic chemicals in second-hand smoke," she says.

People can find out more about keeping their vehicles smoke-free by calling the local Health unit office at (705) 457-1391.

Rain results in high water levels in local lakes

The main feature of recent days has been the heavy rains that were experienced along Trent/Severn watersheds beginning Saturday, May 22. Several locales received in excess of 100 mm and some were near 150 mm. This has resulted in closure of the navigation locks throughout the canal route.

In Haliburton, lake levels reached 102.9% on Monday May 24, slightly higher than the 29-year average. Waterway officials say the wet conditions mean surplus water is being discharged, and there will be no need to draw stored water from local lakes, perhaps for several more weeks.

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Dorset volunteers asked to take part in planting day

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Tickets are now sold out for the 25th Annual DVFD Pig Roast. Thank you to all who ordered ahead of time.

The Dorset community planting date is Tuesday, June 8. All are welcome to help beautify our village. For more details, contact Kerry at 766-2246.

Another bit of Waste Management information from our friends at Algonquin Highlands: Not everyone has empty printer cartridges to dispose of but for those who do, you can keep them out of our landfills and help a worthwhile cause at the same time System Software in Minden will accept empty cartridges and pass them on to Archie Stouffer School in Minden. The school gets $1.00 for each cartridge returned and this money is being saved to buy new playground equipment.

Here's another tip—removing the lids from all jars and bottles helps in two ways. Glass jars have metal or plastic lids which must be separated at MCS. Glass, metal and plastic have to be sorted so this helps the process. Taking the lids off plastic bottles allows them to be compacted—both in our bins and when being shipped out of the recycling plant. And if you really want to help the cause—you can purchase a can crusher at hardware stores for $15.00—this will save space in your Blue Box, in the landfill bin and at the plant.

Birthday wishes for May 23 to 29 go out to Feam Avery, Heather Roberts, Yvette Black, George Moore and Happy Anniversary to Janice and Jim Jones.

If you have items of interest or birthday and anniversary wishes for Dorset News, give Melissa a call at 766-0076 or e-mail: melalfano@hotmail.com

Coboconk Library announces longer hours for the summer

The Coboconk Library branch at 9 Grandy Road, Coboconk, (705) 454-3322, will switch to its summer operating schedule commencing on the Victoria Day weekend.

During the summer months the branch will be open on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Saturday service will be offered from and including May 22 up to and including October 9, 2004 after which the branch will revert to its regular operating hours.

The summer schedule is as follows:

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For further information, please contact:

Linda Kent, Manager of Library Services, 324-9411 x260

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Film on local doctor to air on CBC

Dr. Elena Mihu's Kinmount practice subject of compelling documentary

At this rate I will never catch up on the ironing. With binoculars resting on the board my eye is repeatedly drawn away to the pond and its passing parade. The puzzle of the solitary Canada Goose has been solved with the appearance not only of its nesting mate but two fluffy goslings who delight in streaking across the water like Mississippi paddle wheelers. The ponies take in all in stride while I continue to marvel at the intuitive parenting skills all around us in nature. There are so many valuable lessons we could learn.

The National Film Board's *A Country Doctor* produced by Alastair Brown and starring Kinmount's Dr. Elena Mihu and her community, will be shown on CBC on Thursday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m. This is a beautiful film and a tribute to all involved.

The Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics will be traveling to Haliburton, Kinmount and Minden midmorning Saturday, June 5th. This year marks the 18th Anniversary of the Run and for the 4th year the Ontario Special Olympics Haliburton County "Red Wolves" 5 Pin Bowling Team will participate. The " Red Wolves " will be honouring one of their own, Kinmount's Carrie Crego, who will be representing Region 12 at the Spring Games in Peterborough on June 10-13th. Carrie, an athlete with the team since October 2002, is very excited about competing at the Provincial level in June.

Pledges and donations collected by the " Red Wolves " will go directly to supporting our County team. Monies raised by the wonderful group of law enforcement officers, headed by Constable Ron Lucas and Staff Sergeant, Detachment Commander Bob Walli, will go directly to the provincial O.S.O. fund which makes the Games possible. Importantly, Carrie and her team would be thrilled to have the added community support. For more information contact Linda Brandon, the "Red Wolves" head coach, at [705] 286-1795.

Here are the results from the May 19th Big Bucks Bid Euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441. First prize winner was Lois Sullivan with Louise Newth second and Ron Foy third. The hidden score was held by Bob Newth.

Now for the **Scoring News** with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Wednesday, May 19 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots went to Rob Evans, Jean Dutka, Muriel Harrington, Marcel Roussel, and Margaret Bull while Sharon Evans had a hat trick.

Muriel Harrington led the pinks with 306 followed by Barb Robitaille 284 and Dorothy Walters 279. Tied for top spot for the white cards were Bev Swick and Donna Fink at 308, Rob Evans took second with 283 and again a tie for third at 258 between Alf Whyman and Stan Walters. The group gave a warm welcome back to its summer players.

Wednesday, May 19 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: For North/South first place went to Don Mills and Bill Sandford with 64% then Norma Crewson and Joyce Burtch second at 54%. In East/West Margo Davidson and Vange Croucher led the scoring at 65% with Joan Galley and Mike Collins second at 54%.

AROUNDTHETOWN

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Wednesday, May 19 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: For the ladies Emily Harvie had the high score and Joanne Freeman the low with Bill St. Thomas high man and Truman McNeil low. Bill St. Thomas and Emily Harvie were double winners with Bill taking most lone hands and Emily the draw prize.

Thursday, May 20 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In the lone hands column the winners were Pat Roussel and Frank Campagnolo. High scores were recorded by Vicki Campagnolo for the ladies and Bob Pollard for the gents while Barbara Callaghan and Mike Pillar tallied the lows. Other prizes went to Marcel Roussel, Ray Knapton, John Mallon and Lynn White.

Friday, May 21 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: The duo of Vange Croucher and Muriel McIntosh tied for first place at 64% with Barbara Nease partnered with Robert van der Meulen. In third spot at 49% were Judy Neimann and Harold Cox.

Friday, May 21 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Moonshots went to Jane Swick and Tom Pearson with Jean Dutka uncovering the hidden score. Topping the charts for the pinks was Verna Sawyer 317 then Jane Swick 248 with Marion Farr and our reporter Mary Pearson tied for third spot at 226. Bev Swick led the white cards with 280 followed by David Lamb 261 and again a tie for third between Chris Clarke and Tom Pearson at 249.

Friday, May 21 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Iris Taylor won for high hands, Cecil Smith for low hands, Doreen Francis for lone hands and the draw prize went to Pearl Cowen.

Saturday, May 22 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: First place honours went to Pat Roussel with 295 then Marge Richardson 283 second and Isobel Cherwenka 275 third. The draws were won by Wayne Jones, Pearl Cowen and Edith Burch while moonshots landed on Iris Taylor, Helen Henderson, Don Burch along with Pat and Marcel Roussel.

Monday, May 24 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Pearl Cowen won for high hands, Beaulah Hewitt for low hands and our reporter Elaine Yeo for lone hands on a cut of the cards with Bill Van Dyke. The special prize went to June Branning. Good wishes go out to Elda Henderson and Georgina Deeks from their friends at the Club.

Monday, May 24 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Garth Windsor reports that Eleanor Smith held the most lone hands and Margaret Fletcher won the baloney. For the ladies it was Mary Pearson recording the high score and Leola Wheeler the low while David Lamb was high man and Tom Pearson low.

Monday, May 24 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: The top trio were Jean Scadden first, Gwen Cox second and Vicki Campagnolo third. Other winners were Don Hicks, Sharon Evans and Verna McDonald. Thanks to Elva Paisley for her update.

Monday, May 24 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: Lone hand honours men/ladies went to Jesse Barlow and Betty Sharpe with Lorne Hicks uncovering the hidden score. High scores were tallied by Barb Braithwaite representing the men and Gertrude Ripley for the ladies with Tim Sharpe and Verna McDonald taking the afternoon's lows. The draw winners were Gwen Cox and Tim Sharpe while Bill Mosley, Marion Stickwood and Verna McDonald each received a special visit from the black and white critter.

Monday, May 24 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: In top spot was our reporter Mildred St. Thomas with Marcel Roussel second high. Moonshots went to Marjorie Paradis, Mildred St. Thomas and Libby St. Amand while Bev Zavitz won the draw.

Tuesday, May 25 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Theresa Deak led with 328 then Marcel Roussel 289 and Jean Scadden 282. The moonshot quintet members were Georgina Parkes, our reporter Marie Dennie, Iris Taylor, Marcel Roussel and Verna McDonald with Helen Luffman, Marie Dennie and Marjorie Paradis holding the afternoon's hidden scores.

Tuesday, May 25 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were five Slams two of them by Frank Jones first with wife Eddie and then partnered with Bruce Armstrong. The other Slams were by Harold Cox and Vange Croucher, Muriel McIntosh and Chuck Wilson and June Branning teamed with Margo Davidson. June Branning led the scoring with 7100 points then Frank Jones 6850, Vange Croucher 6480 and Stan Hill 6060. Wally Thomson won the lucky draw and Betty Schlotter received the prestigious " Shiny Penny " Award. For her first place finish June Branning was given the " S.A.S.A.Y.A. " Special Award along with the reminder from her many bridge admirers to " Stay As Sweet As You Are ".

Tuesday, May 25 euchre at Gelert: For the ladies Gala Stamp had the high score and Emily Harvie the low. Ted Wilkins was high man, our reporter Audrey Vick low "man", holding the most lone hands was Rick McElwain while Bob Vick won the draw. Gelert euchre signs off now until mid-September with best wishes to all for a great summer season.

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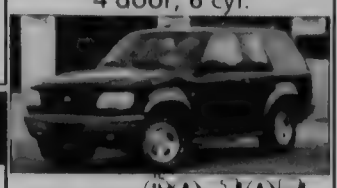
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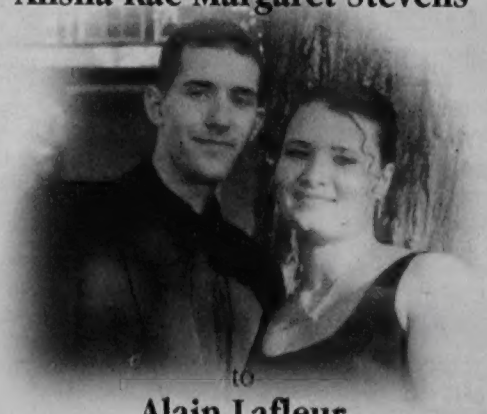

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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
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AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the solicitors for the Trustee/Executor for the Estate shall have notice.
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But the ache in my heart will always stay.
No one knows the grief I bear
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450 IN MEMORIAM

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Gone are the days we used to share
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460 OBITUARIES

CASSIDY, CLEMENT ALPHONSUS – Clem died on May 21, 2004 at his beloved cottage on Kushog Lake, Haliburton at the age of 82. Born Nov. 23, 1921 in Orillia, Ontario, Clem lived a long and fulfilling life in Sarnia and Haliburton. Survived by his wife of close to 50 years, Helen - the love of his life. He is fondly remembered by his three daughters, Cecile and her husband John Mutton and their children Ian, Katie, Chris and Jenny; Anne and her husband Ross Secord and their children Meghan and Brayden; and Shiela and her husband Kirk Bailey and their children Shannon, Patrick and Cameron. The youngest of a large family, Clem is also remembered by his sister Marie Lindsay and sister-in-law Lynn Cassidy. And what a wonderful life Clem led! A graduate of Queen's University, class of 44 1/2 and Ontario Teacher's College, Clem was a devoted and inspiring teacher for close to 40 years, mostly at Northern Collegiate in Sarnia. It is difficult to even count the many students whose lives were touched and changed by Clem's dedication to teaching. Active in the community, Clem was the past president of the local Retired Teachers Organization (RTO), president of the teachers' OSSTF, past president of the Sarnia Concert Assiciation and awards coordinator for the Lambton County Music Festival. Music was at the core of Clem's life. As an accomplished pianist and choir director, who can forget the musical productions at Northern, St. Pat's and Sudbury high schools. He was the musical director of the Polysar Glee Club for over 25 years, introducing so many of us to the music of 'Gilbert and Sullivan' and 'Rogers and Hammerstein'. A celebration of Clem's life was held beginning with visitation on Tuesday, May 25 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 431 N. Christina St., Sarnia where prayers were offered at 8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 26 at St. Benedict's Church, 1011 Oak Ave., Sarnia. Immediately following the mass, there was a reception at the Sarnia Riding Club. Later this summer, a celebration of Clem's life will be held in the Haliburton area. Details will be announced in the Minden Times. As an expression of sympathy, friends who wish may send memorial donations to Bluewater Health Foundation, 89 Norman St., Sarnia, N7T 6S3, Stanhope Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Township of Algonquin, R.R. #2, Minden, K0M 2K0 or charity of choice. Messages of condolence & memories may be left at www.mckenzieblundy.com. *A tree will be planted in memory of Clem Cassidy in the McKenzie & Blundy Memorial Forest. Dedication service Sunday, September 19th, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wawanosh Wetlands Conservation Area.*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

what's happening in the Highlands

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- Join us for story time and crafts at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm 457-2241 or 457-1791.
- Every Wednesday: Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 am on Pine Street, in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
- Storytime & crafts at the Wilberforce Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Tuesday evenings from 6:45-7:30pm. Pajamas welcome! 457-2241 or 448-2510.
- **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & enjoy **Creative Women's Circle**, a Centre Program that takes place Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Call 705-748-5901.
- **Quilters Etc Club** meeting at Dorset Rec Centre on Fridays from 9-12pm. This is a "drop-in" for knitters, quilters & needle workers. Call Shirley-Anne (705) 766-2738 or Mildred 766-0335.
- **Every Monday** Home Support offers Contract Bridge beginning at 1 p.m. to seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults. Every Thursday join us for Bid Euchre beginning at 1 p.m. Every Friday join us for Cribbage beginning at 1p.m. Please call Ida for more info 457-2941.
- **Dorset TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter** meets at the Dorset Rec Centre every Monday at 8:30am for a weigh-in and meeting. All are welcome to join.
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM:** For women 50+ years, screening by appointment only on Thurs and Fri at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral needed. 328-6175.
- **Monarch Bible Camp** offers fun, challenging programs for children ages 6-15. Registration now being accepted for camps in Minden, Haliburton, West Guilford, Eagle Lake and Carnarvon. Call 705–887–3625 on line cdnssm@bellnet.ca.
- **May 29 & 30:** Receive wonderful holistic treatment at fundraiser Health Fair for Environment Haliburton at the Kinmount Community Centre, 9 am to 4 pm.
- **May 29:** Vendors wanted for Craft tables at Ridgewood Public School Fun Fair, Coboconk. 10am to 3pm. Contact Christine 454-8581 or Kim 454-8864
- **May 29:** Get on Board and support the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park at Armor All National Car Wash Day, downtown Kinmount, 9 am to 3 pm. All cars will be cleaned using quality Armor All products. Stop by at our BBQ while your car gets washed!!! Raindate for our car wash is Saturday, June 5/04.
- **May 29:** Lochlin United Church "Roast Pork Loin Supper" 5, 6, 7pm sittings. Call 286-1765.
- **May 30:** A musical variety concert "Sounds of Spring" at Minden United Church, 7:30 p.m. Featuring: Highlands Male Chorus, Gentlemen of Song, Tri Vocals and more! Tickets available through Choir members or at the Pharmasave Drug Store in Minden.
- **June 3:** The regular meeting of the Minden Auxilliary, H.H.H.S. will be held at 1:30 in the Health Room of Hyland Crest, guest speaker will be Dwight Thomas.
- **June 3:** The Alzheimer Society of Victoria County family support groups are as follows, Thursday June 3 at 10:30 a.m.; Location: Kinmount and District Health Centre, lower level. Open Group.
- **June 3:** L.I.F.T., Ladies In Fellowship Together, Annual guest night, Kevin Barnum, Senior Constable O.P.P. Canine Handler, Speaker: Carey Nieuwhof, Oro, Ont; Music: Rick Vaughn, Haliburton, Thursday, June 3, 2004 at 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., West Guilford Recreation Centre, Come and be Lifted, Information Call Lyn 457–3155 or Alice 754–2808.
- **June 3:** Self-Sustaining in the Summer Months. Theresa Forson & Shelia Raitt, Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre. Advanced Registration Required. 748-5901.
- **June 3:** Join Home Support and the Wheels to Meals luncheon at the Minden Legion. For more information or to make reservation, please call Myrtle Bouthoorn at 754–1711.
- **June 3:** Haliburton County Home Support is holding their Annual general Meeting at Birch Point Lodge in Haliburton. The guest speaker will be the delightful Fay Wilkinson of the Creative Cocoon. The topic for the evening will be "Imagineering" - with masks, stories and humour Fay will take you on a playful journey to help ignite your sparks of creativity.
- **June 5:** Support the Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics including Haliburton County's own Red Wolves 5 Pin Bowling team. The run will travel (mid-morning) through Haliburton, Kinmount and Minden, come out and support the event.
- **June 5:** Free Screening Clinics for Toddlers and pre-schoolers-Minden. At the Ontario Early Years Centre, Minden 1-3pm. Call 286-1770 to book appointment.
- **June 5:** A memorial is planned to celebrate the life of Jennifer Frances Austin who passed away in Vancouver in December 2003. To be held at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park in Kinmount at 2pm. All are welcome. For further information call Leslie Soever (Brown) at 416-462-3126 or Joyce Brown at 705-488-2687.
- **June 7:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups, we are holding informal support group meetings. You are welcome to atend, bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. You are not alone. June 7, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Alzheimer office, Adult Child Group. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457–8335.
- **June 14:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups, we are holding informal support grooup meetings. You are welcome to attend, bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. You are not alone. 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. , Hyland Crest Meeting Classroom, Minden. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457–8335.
- **June 15:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists. Join us for a presentation on Killarney Provincial Park by John Etches, Tuesday, June 15, Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m.
- **June 16:** Join us for a walk to celebrate Senior' Month June 16, at 10:a.m. Meet at museum in Minden. Free draw prizes and water. Call 457–1391 for information.
- **June 24:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups, 10:00 a.m. - noon, New Group called Caring with Confidence being held at Haliburton Home Support office. Please call 457–2941 to register.
- **June 26:** Monarch Bible Camp is proud to present a Country Gospel Concert at 7 pm. at Haliburton United Church. Everyone is welcome to attend this wonderful evening of good, wholesome "down country" music featuring The Wright Family Singers from Fenelon Falls & Triumphant Sound - a trio from the Toronto area. Call 887-3625.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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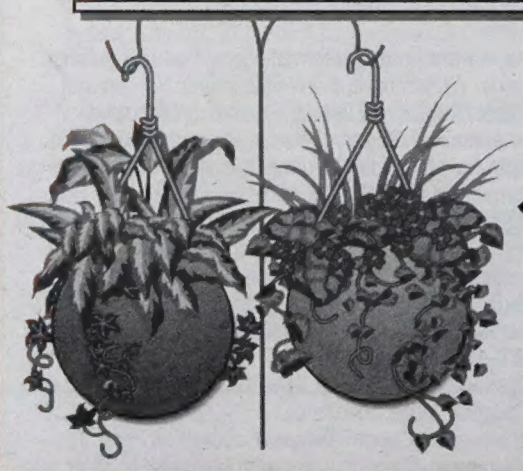

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